

AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY SUBCOMMITTEE, MARCH 14, ON H. R. 334

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Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 5, sec. 652), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e)(1) The right of officers or representatives of employee organizations representing employees of a department or agency or subdivision of such department or agency, to present grievances in behalf of their members without restraint, coercion, interference, intimidation, or reprisal is recognized.

"(2) Within six months after the effective date of this Act, the head of each department and agency shall, after giving officers or representatives of employee organizations having members in such department or agency an opportunity to present their views, promulgate regulations specifying that administrative officers shall at the request of officers or representatives of the employee organizations confer, either in person or through duly designated representatives, with such officers or representatives on matters of policy affecting working conditions, safety, in-service training, labor-management cooperation, methods of adjusting grievances, appeals, granting of leave, promotions, demotions, rates of pay and reduction in force. Such regulations shall recognize the right of such officers or representatives to solicit membership, collect fees or dues outside of regular working hours, or carry on any other lawful activity, without intimidation, coercion, interference, or reprisal.

"(3) This subsection shall not apply to the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Bureau of Investigation."